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EXAMINING GROUP 1731
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Paul CLARKE et al. Conf.: 6209
Appl. No.: 09/624,246 Group: 1731
Filed: July 24, 2000 Examiner: C. Lopez

For:

2/4/03
FILTER FOR A CIGARETTE AND A FILTER-TIPPED
CIGARETTE

DO NOT ENTER

OK TO ENTER

OK AS ENTERED

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 10, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 20, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A filter for a cigarette, comprising an assembly of:
a cylindrical core for filtering tobacco smoke from the cigarette;